THE MINISTER OF STATE JNTHE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) 37 Hydro-electric projects with aggregate capacity of 14,344 MW are presently under construction in the country.

(b) and (c) 9 Hydro-electric projects with aggregate capacity of 3,765 MW are programmed to be commissioned during the year 2003-04.

Equal distribution of extra unallocated power

4292. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the Indus-Water Treaty and consequent agreement on sharing the water of Sutlej, Ravi and B'eas rivers of 1984, the participating States were to get equal distribution of extra-unallocated power generated by the various Thermal Power Stations;

(b) if so, whether Rajasthan is getting its fair share of the extra-unallocated power from these power stations; and

(c) if not, then how would Government ensure that all participating States adhere to the initial agreement and that all States get fair distribution of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Indus-Water Treaty signed in the year 1960 and the agreements signed by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on 31.12.1981 regarding the allocations of surplus (Ravi-Beas) water does not contain any provision for distribution of extra unallocated power generated by Thermal Power Stations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Production capacity of power projects in Eastern Region

†4293.SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of the power producing projects of eastern region are more than the need for consumption of power in that region;

† Origina! notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the need for consumption of power in eastern region during 2002-2003;

(c) the power production capacity installed in this region till December, 2002; and

(d) the plan of Government to use the surplus power available in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Power supply position in the Eastern Region during the year 2002-03 was as under:-

Energy:

Requirement (Million Unit)	Supplied (Million Unit)	Surplus/Deficit (-)	
51653	50260	(Million Unit)	(%) -
		1393	-2.7

Peak Demand/peak met:

Peak Demand (MW)	Peak Met (MW)	Surplus/Deficit (-) (MW)	(%)
8076	7676	-400	-5.0

The marginal shortages in energy as well as in peak power witnessed in the region are not due to lack of generation capacity but to the limited paying capability of the constituents, inadequacies in sub-transmission and distribution system and lack of operational flexibility in a predominantly thermal system to meet wide difference between its peak and off-peak demands.

(c) Installed generation capacity in the Eastern Region as on 31 st December, 2002 was 16196.68 MW (Central Sector-6841.50 MW, State Sector-7913.66 MW, Private Sector-1441.52 MW).

(d) Surplus power from the Eastern Region is already being exported outside to other regions. During the year 2002-03,9991.5 Million Units of energy has been exported to other regions.